



## CHANCTONBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

10, Bulkington Avenue,  
Worthing.

July 1945.

Madam and Gentlemen,

Annual Report 1944.

Acting on instructions from the Ministry of Health that reports should again be confined to essential and urgent matters which affected the public health during the year, especially any matter arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

General Statistics.

Area(acres) 56,239

Resident Population(1944)estimated by the Registrar General 17,400

No.of inhabited houses(end of 1944)according to rate books 5,865

Rateable Value(1944) £132,549

Sum represented by ld.rate £550

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year.

	Total	M	F	
Live Births.				
Legitimate	289	137	152	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 19.25
Illegitimate	46	28	18	
Stillbirths	10	7	3	Rate per 1,000 total(live and still)births 28.99
Deaths	244	116	128	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 14.02

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth.--  
From sepsis - Nil From other causes - 1

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births - 33

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births - 28

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births - 65

Deaths from Cancer(all ages) 44

Deaths from Measles(all ages) Nil

Deaths from Whooping Cough(all ages) 1

Deaths from Diarrhoea(under 2 years of age) Nil

Comparative Statistics 1944.

	England & Wales	Urban	West Sussex Rural	Chanctonbury R.D
Birth Rate	17.6	18.52	19.58	19.25
Death Rate	11.6	16.62	13.36	14.02
Infantile Death Rate	46	44	45	33
Pulmonary Tuberculosis				
Death Rate	0.52	0.43	0.31	0.40
Cancer Death Rate	1.89	2.68	2.09	2.53
Zymotic Death Rate	-	0.14	0.04	0.06
Maternal Mortality	1.93	2.0	2.5	2.89
Rate per 1,000 births				

### Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

	No. notified	No. of deaths.
Scarlet Fever	36 (19 in 1943)	0
Pneumonia	8 (16 " " )	8
Tuberculosis	20 (16 " " )	7
Measles	31	0
Whooping Cough	40	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-
Erysipelas	3	-

### Diphtheria Immunisation.

Diphtheria Immunisation has again been carried out during the year by the County Council. At the end of the year the position was as follows:

78.7% of children of school age had been immunised  
44.8% of children under school age had been immunised

No case of Diphtheria was notified in the district during the year.

### Scabies.

During the year 130 cases of Scabies were brought to the notice of the Health Department, namely:-

60 adults  
49 school children  
21 children under school age.

All cases were treated with Benzyl Benzoate Emulsion with satisfactory results. Clothes and bedding were disinfected by washing or hot ironing.

### Evacuation.

At the end of the year there were 116 adult evacuees, 75 accompanied evacuee children and 89 unaccompanied evacuee children. Seven evacuee children were admitted to Heatherdown Sick Bay during the first half of the year. The Sick Bay was closed down in June, 1944.

### Housing.

One new cottage and a bungalow have been built during the year.

#### 1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

- 1.(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 506
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 1723
- 2.(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1936 ... 355
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 1273
3. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... Nil



4. Number of dwelling houses(exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 467

2. Remedying of defects during the year without service of formal notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 189

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

A.Proceedings under Sections 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936:

1.Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. ... 1

2.Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-

(a) By owners ... 3<sup>x</sup>  
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil

(\*Two served last year and expired this year)

B.Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

1.Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 4

2.Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice.-

(a) By owners ... 3  
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .. Nil

C.Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of Housing Act 1936

D.Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936.

There were no proceedings under C or D

#### Bacteriological Samples.

The usual samples of milk were taken as follows:

No.of samples. No.complying with standard of:  
taken. Methylene Blue, B.Coliform,Tuberculin .

Tuberculin Tested	5	3	2	5
Accredited	14	9	11	14
Ordinary	54	34	42	54

#### Water.

All the parishes in the area except Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding, have a piped supply of main water obtained from the Council's own waterworks situated at Nutbourne, Smock Alley, West Chiltington, Storrington and Washington.

Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding have a piped supply from the Steyning Waterworks Co.,obtained at the Steyning Waterworks situated in Upper Beeding. Steyning Waterworks Co. also supply approximately two-thirds of the water used in the parishes of Henfield, Shermanbury and Woodmancote(the Council's mains are also connected to the main supply serving these parishes)

Samples are obtained monthly from all the Council's main supply sources for bacteriological examination. Chemical analyses are obtained twice yearly from the Council's sources and once yearly from the Steyning Waterworks Co. Bacteriological and chemical examinations are made of raw water in each case and one sample per month is obtained from treated water going into supply.

Samples taken during the year were as follows:-

<u>Raw Water.</u> For bacteriological examination	60
For chemical examination	9

Treated Water. For bacteriological examination 12

All the results were satisfactory.

All houses obtaining water from a piped supply are served direct. The proportion of dwelling houses supplied is 80% and the proportion of population supplied is 79%.

The water is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

#### Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No houses were found to be infested with bed bugs during the year.

#### Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act.

During the year under review a Rodent Disinfestation Campaign has been in progress throughout the district. The West Sussex War Agricultural Committee are carrying out intensive surveys of farms and agricultural land and are dealing with rats and mice found thereon.

Premises, other than farms, suspected of infestation are inspected and advice given as to the best methods of destroying the rats. The Council's Rodent Officer disinfests where the occupiers of premises prefer the Council to carry out the work. During the year 101 premises were found to be infested by rats and mice and were dealt with accordingly.

Refuse Dumps in the district are kept under observation and treated whenever a sign of infestation is noticed.

#### Sanitary Inspection.

I have had complete reports from the Sanitary Inspectors, Mr. Brockway and Mr. Burrows, as in former years, but as these are not required I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond giving the following summaries:

##### Mr. Brockway's Department:

Total No. of inspections made for all purposes	6,863
Total No. of notices served: Informal	967
Statutory	5
Complaints received	186
Complaints found justified and dealt with	171

##### Mr. Burrows' Department:

Buildings - Plans submitted	33
No. of inspections	232
Council Houses - No. of inspections	1,401
Defects found	1,175
Defects remedied	802



Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may, as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant

R.H.WILSHAW,

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Chanctonbury Rural District Council.

